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For: PREPARATION OF MACROCELLULAR ACOUSTIC FOAM

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002. Applicant requests that the restriction requirement and rejection of claims be reconsidered for the reasons which follow.

## REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant affirms the election of the subject matter of claims 9 to 15 for examination with traverse. The restriction requirement is traversed, because the Examiner has not substantiated that the macrocellular foam product of claims 9 to 15 can be made by molding and foaming polyolefin beads after impregnation. Such process is not taught by the cited references. If such were known and not cited in the Office Action, the